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SUBJECT: SURINAM: NETHERLANDS CONCERN

1. SUMMARY: NETHERLANDS FON MIN IS HIGHLY CONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBLE OUTBREAK OF VIOLENCE IN SURINAM WHICH WOULD MAKE LON FACE DIFFICULT DILEMMA IN PRESERVING ORDER. END SUMMARY.

2. IN THE COURSE OF DISCUSSION WITH NETHERLANDS FONMIN VAN DER STOEL ON OTHER MATTERS SEPT 15, HE EXPRESSED GREAT CONCERN ABOUT DETERIORATING SITUATION IN SURINAM. FOCUS OF HIS CONCERN IS INCREASING POSSIBILITY OF AN OUTBREAK OF VIOLENCE. IN THAT EVENT, GON WOULD BE LIKELY TO BE CALLED UPON TO PRESERVE ORDER. VAN DER STOEL OBSERVED IT WAS "UNTHINKABLE" THAT IN THIS DAY AND AGE EUROPEANS WOULD SEND EVEN A TOKEN FORCE TO A SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRY TO PRESERVE ORDER.

3. ANOTHER POINT OF CONCERN IS THE VAST NUMBERS OF SURINAMERS FLOODING

INTO THE NETHERLANDS. VAN DER STOEL NOTED THAT THE IMMIGRANTS ARE COLLECTING IN SLUM AREAS, PRODUCING A HIGH INCIDENCE OF CRIME AND UNEMPLOYMENT. HE SAID IT WAS

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PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT TO HAVE THESE EXTRA WORKERS ARRIVING WITHOUT

JOBS AT A TIME WHEN THE DUTCH THEMSELVES ARE EXPERIENCING HIGH
UNEMPLOYMENT.

4. COMMENT: CLEARLY, THE GON WILL BEND EVERY EFFORT -- SHORT OF A
UNILATERAL DUTCH DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE WHICH VAN DER STOEL
SPECIFICALLY RULED OUT -- TO SEVER SURINAM'S UMBILICAL CORD. WE
WILL CALL SHORTLY ON INTERIOR MINISTER DE GAAY FORTMAN, WHOSE SPECIAL
COMPETENCE INCLUDES SURINAM INDEPENDENCE, FOR MORE SPECIFIC
DETAILS ON GON'S CURRENT OUTLOOK.
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